

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-47 (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) The combination of Claim 48 57 wherein the base plate is formed by molding.

50. (Currently Amended) The combination of Claim 48 57 wherein the base plate defines a second recess configured to receive a tool for use with the router.

51. (Currently Amended) The combination of Claim 48 57 wherein the base plate is supportable on and connectable to a support surface.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) A combination comprising:

a router including

a base having a lower surface,

a motor housing supported by the base, and

a motor supported by the motor housing and operable to drive a tool element, the tool element being supportable to extend below the lower surface of the base; and

a base plate operable to support the router, the base plate having an upper surface and defining a recess extending from the upper surface, the router being supportable on the base plate with the lower surface of the base engaging the upper surface of the base plate and with the tool element extending below the lower surface of the base and into the recess;

and further comprising a case including

a first wall, and

a second wall movably connected to the first wall, the first wall and the second wall defining a cavity;

wherein the router is removably supported in the cavity;

~~The combination of Claim 52~~ wherein the base plate is removably connected to at least one of the first wall and the second wall and provides a bottom wall for the case, and wherein the router is supportable on the base plate in the cavity.

54. (Original) The combination of claim 53, wherein at least one of the first wall and the second wall defines a wall groove, and wherein an edge of the base plate is received in the wall groove to removably connect the base plate to the at least one of the first wall and the second wall.

55. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim ~~52~~ 53, wherein the first wall and the second wall are hinged together and are pivotal relative to one another.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) A combination comprising:

a router including

a base having a lower surface,

a motor housing supported by the base, and

a motor supported by the motor housing and operable to drive a tool element, the tool element being supportable to extend below the lower surface of the base; and

a base plate operable to support the router, the base plate having an upper surface and defining a recess extending from the upper surface, the router being supportable on the base plate with the lower surface of the base engaging the upper surface of the base plate and with the tool element extending below the lower surface of the base and into the recess;

and further comprising a case including a plurality of walls defining a cavity, the router being removably supported in the cavity;

~~The combination of Claim 56~~ wherein the base plate provides one of the plurality of walls.

58. (Original) The combination of Claim 57 wherein the base plate is removably connected to at least one of the other plurality of walls and provides a bottom wall for the case, and wherein the router is supportable on the base plate in the cavity.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently Amended) A combination comprising:

a router including

a base having a lower surface,

a motor housing supported by the base, and

a motor supported by the motor housing and operable to drive a tool

element, the tool element being supportable to extend below the lower surface of the base; and

a base plate operable to support the router, the base plate having an upper surface and defining a recess extending from the upper surface, the router being supportable on the base plate with the lower surface of the base engaging the upper surface of the base plate and with the tool element extending below the lower surface of the base and into the recess;

and further comprising a case defining a cavity and including the base plate, the router being removably supported in the cavity;

~~The combination of Claim 59,~~ wherein the base plate is removably connected to the case and provides a bottom wall for the case, and wherein the router is supportable on the base plate in the cavity.

61. (New) The combination of claim 57, wherein the plurality of walls includes a first wall, a second wall and the base plate, wherein the base plate provides a bottom wall for the case, and wherein the router is supportable on the base plate in the cavity.

62. (New) The combination of claim 61, wherein the base plate is removably connected to at least one of the first wall and the second wall.

63. (New) The combination of claim 62, wherein at least one of the first wall and the second wall defines a wall groove, and wherein an edge of the base plate is received in the wall groove to removably connect the base plate to the at least one of the first wall and the second wall.

64. (New) The combination of claim 61, wherein the first wall and the second wall are hinged together and are pivotable relative to one another.